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Title: WATER FREE PROTON CONDUCTING MEMBRANES BASED ON
POLY-4-VINYLPYRIDINEBISULFATE FOR FUEL CELLS

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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- Small entity statement. This application is entitled to small entity status.
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Under 35 USC §119(e)(1), this application claims the benefit of prior U.S. provisional application 60/429,030, filed November 25, 2002.

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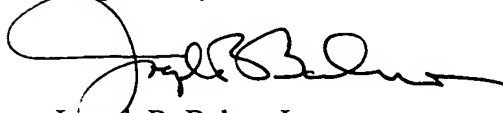
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